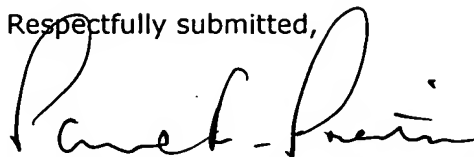


Remarks/Arguments:

Claim 12 has been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-11 and 13-16 are the pending claims in this application.

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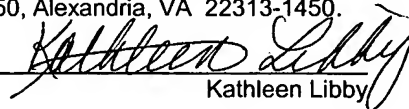
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